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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I am a senior and consumer and I support broadband competition and competitive deployment!

I presently have my internet connection with a small competitive local provider. The bigger companies (Comcast et al) are only interested in big bucks, bundles and offer something I don't need or want....but I wish to continue being connected to the web.

Owing to my age (80+) I need the internet for shopping, staying in touch and entertainment. At present I use DSL and land line services. Please consider that many of us need competitive internet and NOT MONOPOLIES!

Thank you for reading

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